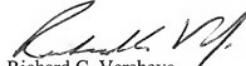


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND PAYMENT OF FEE
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two months to respond to the pending Final Office Action. A response to the outstanding Office Action is also enclosed.

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